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1. AFTER THE LONG DROUGHT OF PAST YEARS, IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE INVITED TO COMMENT ON A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH SUCH AS THE SECRETARY WILL BE MAKING. THEREFORE, I AM ALL THE MORE CHAGRINED TO HAVE FEW IF ANY SIGNIFICANT OR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS TO OFFER ON A DRAFT WHICH SEEMS TO ME TO COVER THE GROUND THOROUGHLY AND STRIKE JUST ABOUT THE RIGHT NOTE ON EAST ASIAN ISSUES.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARAS 42 THROUGH 49, THE TREATMENT OF THE CHINA QUESTION IS ONE WHICH WILL NOT RPT NOT HEIGHTEN APPREHENSIONS HERE ABOUT THE IMMINENCE OF A BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND AN END TO THE SECURITY TREATY BUT AT THE SAME TIME WILL NOT ENTIRELY DISSIPATE ANXIETIES OVER THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO PEKING. IN MY VIEW, THIS IS THE RIGHT BALANCE SINCE I WOULD CONSIDER IT A MISTAKE TO UNDO OR GIVE UP THE CONDITIONING PROCESS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN HERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN ORDER TO BE SURE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND ITS PEOPLE ARE AS THROUGHLY PRELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARED AS POSSIBLE FOR THE BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WHICH WE EXPECT WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE.

3. MORE SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD ENDORSE MOVING A STEP FORWARD FROM THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND "ACKNOWLEDGE" THE CHINESE VIEW THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA (PARA 47). IN PARA 43, I RECOMMEND YOU CONSIDER SUBSTITUTING "OUR TWO PEOPLES"

FOR "THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE"; IN THIS WAY THE PAST CONFRONTATION REFERRED TO WOULD RELATE ONLY TO THAT BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE OF THE PRC. IN PARA 63, WE REFER TO "OLD FRIENDS IN . . . THE PACIFIC" HAVING BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF OUR TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE, ETC. THAT OF COURSE IS NOT THE CASE WITH REGARD TO THE GROC AND THIS CONTRADICTION COULD BE ELIMINATED IF IT WERE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO DELETE FROM PARA 63 THE PHRASE "AND THE PACIFIC." UNGER

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